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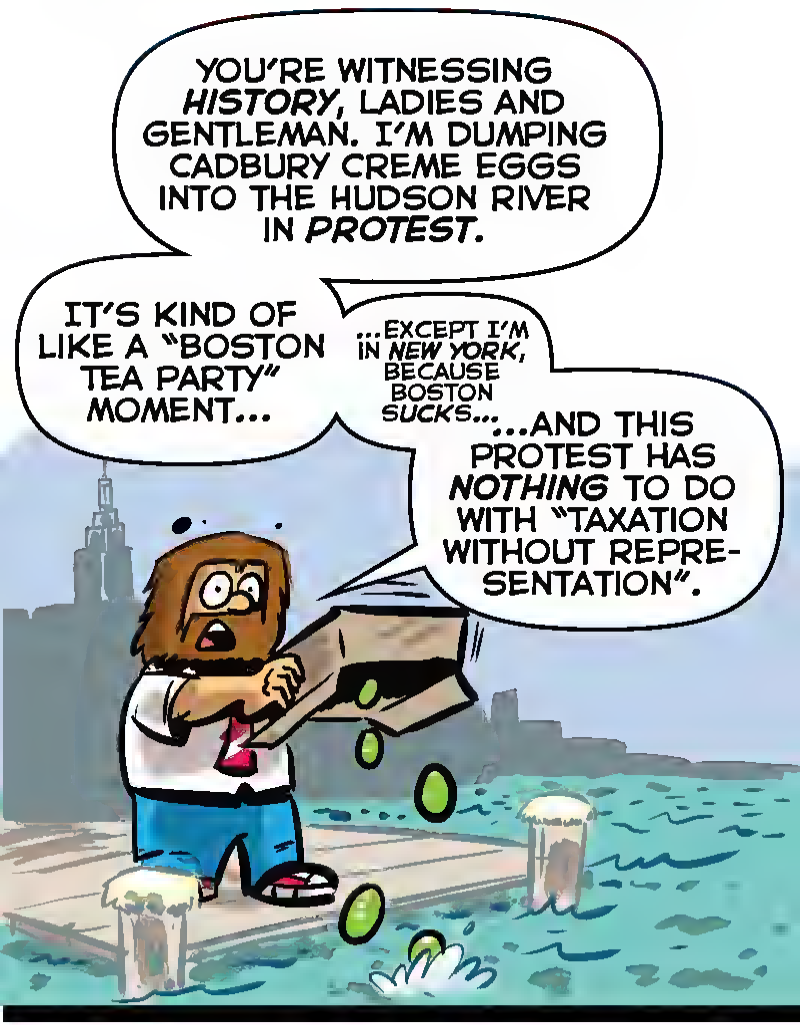
YOU'RE WITNESSING *HISTORY*, LADIES AND GENTLEMAN. I'M DUMPING CADBURY CREME EGGS INTO THE HUDSON RIVER IN *PROTEST*.
IT'S KIND OF LIKE A "BOSTON TEA PARTY" MOMENT...
...EXCEPT I'M IN *NEW YORK*, BECAUSE BOSTON *SUCKS*...
...AND THIS PROTEST HAS *NOTHING* TO DO WITH "TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION".

I'M ALSO BRINING A RABBIT IN CARROT JUICE AND *TEARS* TO ROAST ON EASTER SUNDAY.
BECAUSE EASTER IS *DEAD* TO ME.
DEAD, I TELLS YOU...
IT ALL STARTED A FEW DAYS AGO, WHEN I MADE MY ANNUAL PRE-EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO "*ECONO-MY CANDY*" ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE...

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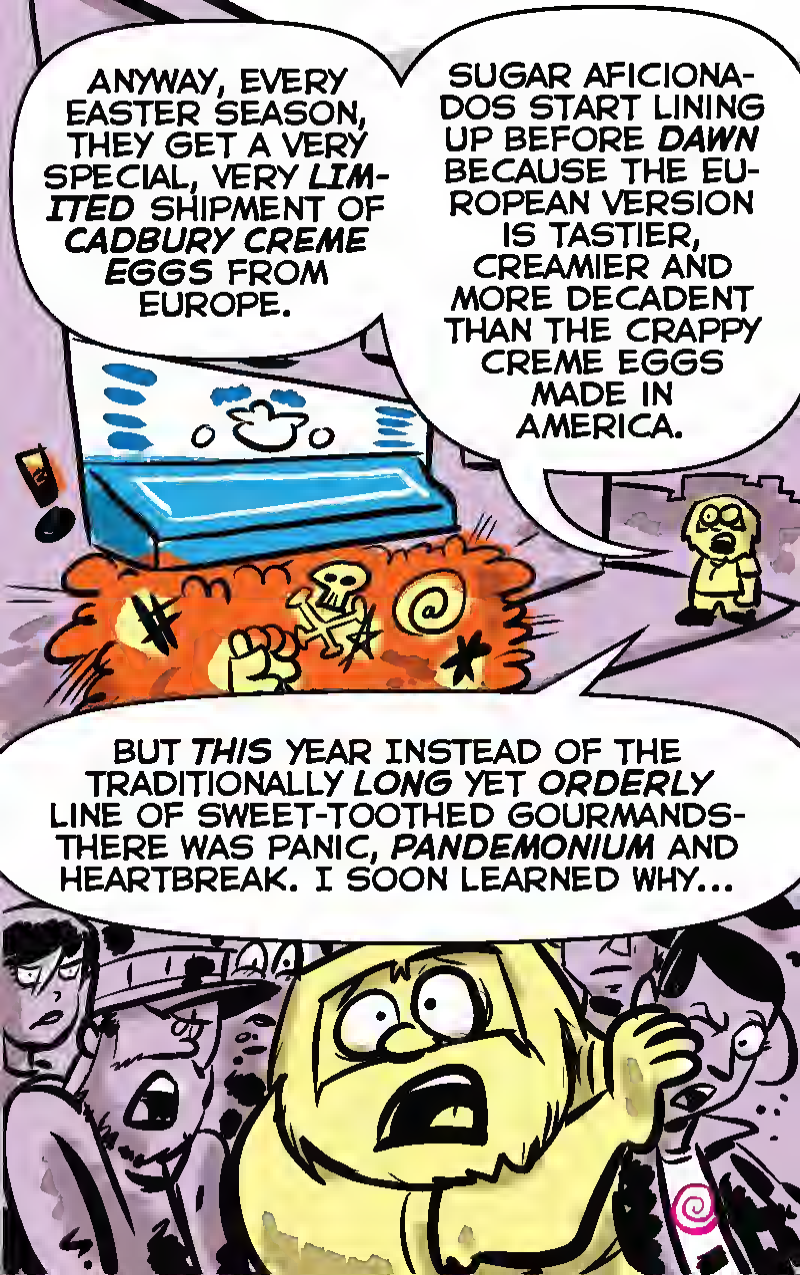
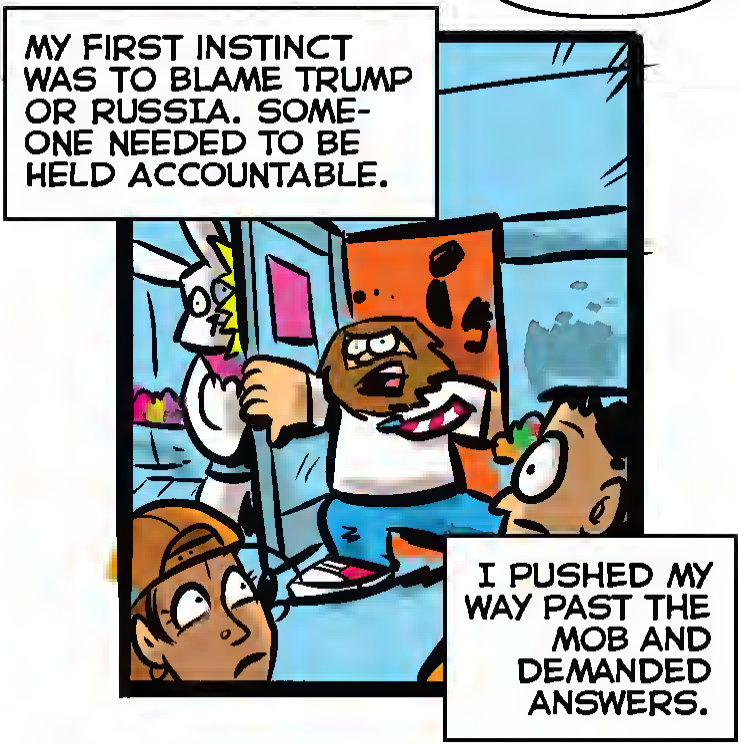

ANYWAY, EVERY EASTER SEASON, THEY GET A VERY SPECIAL, VERY *LIMITED* SHIPMENT OF *CADBURY CREME EGGS* FROM EUROPE.
SUGAR AFICIONADOS START LINING UP BEFORE *DAWN* BECAUSE THE EUROPEAN VERSION IS TASTIER, CREAMIER AND MORE DECADENT THAN THE CRAPPY CREME EGGS MADE IN AMERICA.
BUT *THIS* YEAR INSTEAD OF THE TRADITIONALLY *LONG* YET *ORDERLY* LINE OF SWEET-TOOTHED GOURMANDS- THERE WAS PANIC, *PANDEMONIUM* AND HEARTBREAK. I SOON LEARNED WHY...

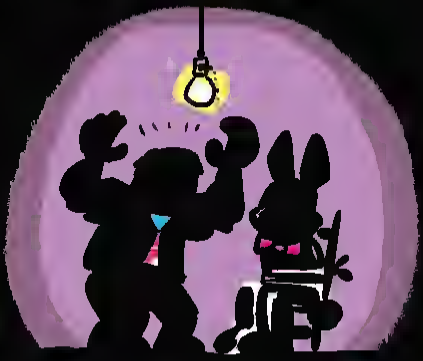
Sorry, we are no longer ALLOWED to import Cadbury Creme Eggs from Europe.'
NOT ALLOWED?
WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?
THIS IS AMERICA, LAND OF THE FREE...


MY FIRST INSTINCT WAS TO BLAME TRUMP OR RUSSIA. SOME-ONE NEEDED TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.
I PUSHED MY WAY PAST THE MOB AND DEMANDED ANSWERS.

NOBODY WAS TALKING...
I TOOK A HOSTAGE.
STILL, NO ANSWERS...
THAT'S WHEN I *REALLY* GOT DESPERATE...
I THREATENED TO SWALLOW A BOX OF POP ROCKS AND DOWN IT WITH MOUNTAIN DEW.
THAT DID THE TRICK. NOBODY WANTED TO SCRUB MY BRAINS OFF THE LOLLIPOP DISPLAY.

IT TURNS OUT THE BAN WASN'T TRUMP OR RUSSIA'S DOING.

IT WAS *HERSHEY*.



MY SPECIAL, LIMITED EDITION BATCH OF EUROPEAN CADBURY CREME EGGS GOT THE... HERSHEY KISS OF DEATH. A HERSHEY SQUIRT OF INJUSTICE.

AND *WHY?*

BECAUSE OF *GREED*.

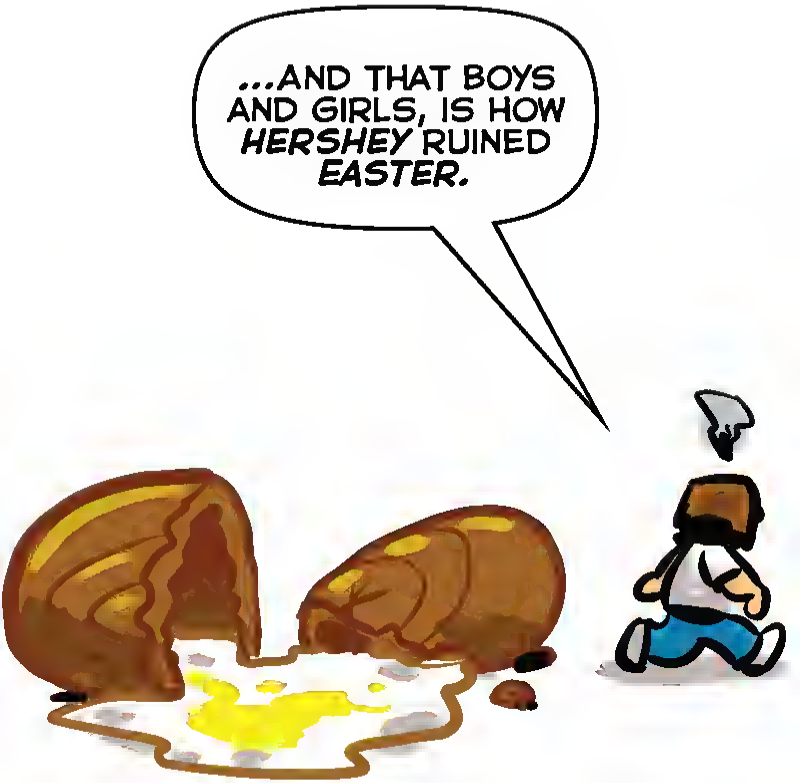
HERSHEY BOUGHT THE RIGHTS TO DISTRIBUTE AND LICENSE CADBURY CREME EGGS IN AMERICA.
BUT THEY USE A DIFFERENT, *CHEAP-ER* RECIPE FOR THE AMERICAN VERSION.
INSTEAD OF MILK AND COCOA, THE US VERSION IS PACKED WITH PRESERVATIVES, CHEMICALS AND OTHER COST-CUTTING TREATS.

HERSHEY WAS SOOOOOO WORRIED THAT IF MORE AMERICANS GOT A TASTE OF THE EUROPEAN VERSION...

...THEY WOULD DEMAND TO KNOW WHY U.S. CADBURY CREME EGGS ARE *INFERIOR*.

TO AVOID THE PR NIGHTMARE, HERSHEY THREATENED TO SUE ANY ESTABLISHMENT THAT IMPORTS AND DISTRIBUTES EUROPEAN CADBURY CREME EGGS, *INCLUDING MY BELOVED "ECONOMY CANDY"*.

SO INSTEAD OF MAYBE *FIXING* THE AMERICAN VERSION AND MAKING IT BETTER, THOSE *LAZY*, GREEDY BASTARDS AT HERSHEY *SUED* TO GET THE IMPORTED EUROPEAN CADBURY CREME EGGS BANNED FROM STORE SHELVES.



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